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*Avadi Congress Session.*

* 2868 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his seat. The question together with the answer will be printed and will form part of the proceedings.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount spent by Government in connexion with the Avadi Session of Congress—

(*a*) on account of Police bandobust ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have collected the sum from the Congress Party?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Rs. 4,20,000 approximately.

(*b*) No contribution was paid to the Government by the Indian National Congress on this account.

*Purchase of Charkas.*

* 2869 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted for the purchase of " Ambikacharka " ; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) There is no charka by name ' Ambikacharka '. Probably the Member refers to ' Amber Charka ' which has not so far been introduced in the Intensive or Extensive areas of this State. No amount has been allotted for the purchase of Amber charkas.

*Oorakuzhi Waterfalls.*

* 2870 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIANDI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have investigated the hydro-electric possibilities of the Oorakuzhi Waterfalls in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what the result is?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) & (*b*) Under the Five-Year Programme of Hydro-Metric Surveys, arrangements are being made by the Electricity department to collect hydrological data in respect of the Kuttiyadi basin in Malabar district in which the Oorakuzhi Waterfalls is situated. The investigation of the basin will be taken up in due course in the order of priority based on the results of the hydro-metric surveys.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know the order of priority so far as this scheme is concerned?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: We have to get the data from the hydro-metric surveys and only after that, the priority will have to be fixed.

*Tamil as State language.*

* 2871 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are contemplating to make Tamil the State language for administrative purposes; and

(*b*) if so, what steps are being taken to adopt Tamil as State language?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(*b*) Does not arise.

*Tamil medium in colleges.*

* 2872 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Education Minister has convened a conference of officials of Educational Institutions and Universities and other non-officials to consider the question of adoption of Tamil as medium of instruction in schools and colleges;

(*b*) the findings and the recommendations of that conference;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to implement the recommendations of the conference; and

(*d*) whether any of the Members of the Legislature were invited to take part in that conference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It was generally agreed at the conference that active steps should be taken towards introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in the colleges.

(*c*) Steps have been taken to implement the recommendations of the Conference.

(*d*) Some members of the Legislature interested in the question were invited to participate in the Conference.

* 2873 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed recently a Committee to codify scientific and technical terms in regional languages?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Government have appointed a Committee to consider the steps to be taken in the matter of introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in colleges. The same Committee has been requested